

**SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION**

**SALEM, CONNECTICUT**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**May 18, 2009**

**Present**

Bob Appleby      Jim Burke  
Rich Cirillo      Al Giansanti  
Kim Bingham      Joe Dalton  
Sue Spang /Chairperson  
Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

**Absent**

Pam Henry  
Peter Lee

**Guests**

Ross Tracey      Chuck Longton  
Don Bordeaux

**Call to order:**

Chair person Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:31pm.

**1. Minutes:**

**M/S/C (Burke/Bingham) to approve April minutes as presented.**

**Vote: Approved Abstaining: S. Spang, R. Cirillo**

**2. Treasurer's Report:**

**M/S/C (Appleby/Cirillo) to approve Treasurer's Report as presented. Vote: Unanimous**

S. Spang reported signs/sandwich boards have been received.

\$100.00 has been donated to the Friends of the Library for John Cassidy being Santa at the tree lighting.

A estimate for lumber has been received from Chris James for his Eagle Scout project, a kick wall at the soccer field.

**3. Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence:**

Ross Tracey and Chuck Longton from the Rocket Club spoke to the commission about use of the Gadbois property on RT 82; in the middle of the field. The club meets once a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, from 9am to 3pm. The club has rain dates on Sunday's. It would also depend on the wind limits for the day. The Commission members asked questions about the program and the rockets. Mr. Tracey and Mr. Longton answered there is little risk of fire/non explosive; extinguishers on hand. The club has group insurance and

individuals also have insurance. There is a range safety officer and a launch officer. Warnings are given before rockets take off. The height of the rockets can be up to 1500 ft. Approximately 20-50 people could be attending.

The launch area is small; pads are used. The burns are very short and would not make a lot of noise.

The club charges \$25.00 per year membership fee and a \$10.00 launch fee. Non-members are charged a \$15.00 per launch fee.

The Commission asked if a demo could be set up in June; also if science teachers from Salem School and Scouts could be notified with possibility of involvement. The consensus of the Commission is the club can use the field after field use form is received and copies of insurance are submitted.

Don Bourdeau reported on the following items:

The fence is installed on Forsyth Road.

The gate will be installed for the tennis courts on RHR.

Signs have been installed on RHR.

Forsyth Road soccer field will be mowed. It has been treated with organic fertilizer.

The fields on RT 82 will be mowed. It is being used for Salem School cross country team.

A mower will be given to baseball for use of chain drag on fields.

A sign stating, "No Dogs Allowed on Playing Field at Any Time" will be purchased and placed at playing fields.

The softball press box has been repaired and is usable.

The bases need to be pulled after play and plugs should be put in. A. Giansanti will make sure plugs are at fields.

#### **4. Additions and Revisions:**

No additions or revisions added to agenda.

#### **5. New Business:**

##### **a. Budget**

S. Spang reported the budget was passed. S. Spang thanked everyone for their support and for help getting the word out for residents to vote.

##### **b. Press Box Update**

S. Spang will be attending an appeal with the state building inspector for the purpose of the permit for the horizontal wind rule (structure must withstand 110mph wind) that was rejected the first time.

**c. Tennis Court Lighting/P&Z**

The tennis court lighting has been approved by P&Z.

Court colors will be Royal Blue for the courts and Spring Green for the outside. Basketball courts will be the same as the tennis courts.

The drainage water problem on the south end and west side received P&Z approval. The expense is approximately \$8,000.00 for the work.

The remaining balance is approximately \$16,900.00 for the courts. Lighting expense is \$19,000.00.

**M/S/C (Burke/Bingham) to allocate available funding to continue the lighting process.**

**Vote: Unanimous.**

**d. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraising**

The judging for the Memorial Day Parade will be done by students of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. Contact for this event will be Peter Lee.

**e. Appointment of Recreation Terms**

Reappointments have been made for B. Appleby, K. Bingham, and A. Giansanti. A. Giansanti needs to be sworn in.

**f. Formation of Parking Lot Safety Subcommittee**

Postponed until June meeting.

**g. Recreation Clerk Report**

No report given.

**h. Memorial Day Parade**

Line-up and times are same as past years.

**6. Old Business:**

**a. Baseball**

A. Giansanti reported Opening Day went very well. S. Spang commented parking was very good.

Plaques will be mounted to dugouts.

Play/games have begun. Tri-County leagues are inquiring about field use. Form must be presented to Commission.

Salem will be hosting the 11 year old All-Star Tournament July 11-17.

Adult softball would like to start on May 29. It will be on Friday nights at the school until another field is available. A school use form will be submitted.

**b. Soccer**

Soccer is on its 3<sup>rd</sup> week of play. The 14 yr old girls team is in the Connecticut Cup Tournament and is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> round. They have beaten Rigdefield and Enfield.

S. Spang discussed articles should be submitted to newspapers and Our Town to inform residents.

Camp is the second week of August.

There is a water problem on the RHR field.

**c. Basketball – No reported presented.**

**d. Multi Purpose Path – No report presented.**

**e. Tennis/Basketball Courts**

Discussed under “New Business”.

**f. Field Outreach** – No report presented.

**7. Adjournment:**

**M/S/C (Bingham/Appleby) to adjourn meeting at 9:25pm.**

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Weston

Recording Secretary